



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### SITUATION REPORT

#### Mississippi River Flooding

#### UPDATE

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Heavy Rains and flood waters from the North Central States continue to cause some flooding problems along the Mississippi River and it's smaller tributaries in Northeast Missouri. In all counties adjacent to the Mississippi River, there is lowland flooding and some roads have been inundated by the high water.

Information reported comes from elected and appointed government leaders, citizens, and the American Red Cross.

#### Clark County

Heavy rains on 13 MAY caused scouring and ditch deposits at an estimated 200 sites. One bridge approach was completely washed out forcing the road to be closed. 9 miles of road on the eastern side of the county are currently underwater because of an overtopped levee. At that time, there are no reports of water in any homes.

#### City of Alexandria

Some sandbagging has taken place. Hwy 61 is closed north of town. No water in any homes. Seepage on levee has required some pumping.

#### City of La Grange

Hwy B is closed north and south of town. Significant amount of debris (150 yds) stacked up against Hwy B bridge over Wyaconda River at northern edge of town. Water in 10 homes, a flower shop, and the post office. No significant Public Assistance eligible damage reported. Red Cross is satisfying all individual needs.

#### City of Hannibal

Flood wall is holding back river from downtown. Backwater on Bear Creek has caused flooding in an area that includes several industrial buildings. Water is close to several homes, and may be in a few (exact numbers not available). City has been operating pumps and putting up sandbags.

### **Ralls County**

There is water in about 15 homes in unincorporated parts of the county according to the Red Cross. The affected areas include Monkey Run, Saverton, and Riverview Acres. They have no public damage to report at this time, although it is likely that some county roads are under water.

### **Pike County**

A levee has been overtopped near Ashburn, but most of the land affected is owned by the Conservation Department. They report no water in homes in unincorporated parts of the county. There are no reports of public damages, although it's likely some county roads are under water.

### **City of Louisiana**

Local officials report about 20 homes with water in them, or surrounded by water and sandbags. City estimates 50% homes insured. Some businesses along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Hwy 79) also under water. An additional 15 homes cut off because of high water, although city has solved that problem with construction of temporary street. All critical support facilities are operational.

### **City of Clarksville**

Water in 6 homes and 12 mobile homes. Sandbagging continues.

### **Lincoln County**

Levee districts are conducting sandbagging operations near Elsberry, Winfield, and Old Monroe. Water has entered some homes (exact number unavailable). It is estimated that 20 mile of roads under water at this time.

### **City of Winfield**

No water in city at this time. They are concerned with status of levee east of town. If it breaks, 20-30 homes near Hwy N will have water in them

### **City of Old Monroe**

Cuivre River is flooding due to back water, but no water is reported in any homes. A private levee ("Schramm Levee") broke northeast of Old Monroe along Keeteman Road. It is estimated that 1000 acres of agricultural land have been flooded. Sandbagging operations are underway to protect 2 homes and 2 businesses. The Brevator Levee District to the north, and the Old Monroe District to the south are assisting with protection efforts. At this time, he believes the county can contain the problem.

**SEMA Actions:** Local officials are being encouraged to report agricultural damage to their local FSA office. Referred the president of the Mississippi/Fox Levee district to the Rock Island

Corps of Engineer District, it appear they are eligible to receive assistance under the Corps Rehabilitation Program under Public Law 84-99. Contact the SEMA Duty Officer at (573) 751-2748 if you need assistance or have any questions.)

**FORECAST:**

Weather for the next few days will feature chances of Rain today, and Sunday evening through Tuesday next week. Temperatures will be in the normal range, highs in the 70's and 80's and lows in the 50's and 60's.

The Mississippi River crest will continue to move south toward St. Louis, the crest passed Louisiana and Clarksville on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Missouri River continues to stay at a high due to high river levels on the Mississippi. Impact from heavy rain on 5-17-01 is yet to be determined.